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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for filing an Appeal Brief, after the filing of a Notice of Appeal, be extended for five months, to and including July 1, 2009.

Applicants authorize the Office to deduct the fee of \$1,175.00 required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) from Deposit Account No. 03-2095. If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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